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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas Hille, et al.
Serial No. : 10/584,477 (Conf. No. 3321)
Filing Date : June 23, 2006
Examiner : Ophelia Althea Hawthorne
Group Art Unit : 3772
Title : WOUND DRESSING AND ADHESIVE WOUND
DRESSING COMPRISING A VASOCONSTRICTIVE
INGREDIENT, AND PROCESSES FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF
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Reply to Office Action Issued December 23, 2008

Dear Sir:

Claims 1-23 and 25-47 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has concluded that restriction to one of the following two groups is necessary:

Group I - Claims 1-15, 23, 25-31 and 38-41, drawn to a wound dressing, classified in class 602, subclass 48.

Group II – Claims 16-22, 32-37 and 42-47, drawn to a process for producing a wound dressing, classified in class 424, subclass 423.


The Examiner explains in the Office action that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are related as a process of making and a product made, but that the inventions are distinct if (1) the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product, and/or (2) the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The Examiner concludes that in this case, the wound dressing for covering bleeding wounds can be made using a different process.

The Applicants object to the instant restriction requirement, *with traverse*. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has not cited any prior art to support the conclusion that the wound dressing for covering bleeding wounds can be made using a different process. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

The Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II (which consists of claims 16-22, 32-37 and 42-47), drawn to drawn to a process for producing a wound dressing for further prosecution on the merits thereof.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any remaining issues to be discussed which could expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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